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ON CONTAINER TRANSPORT

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REF: OTTAWA 388; MACANGUS-WILLIS TELCON OF FEB. 12

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM MACANGUS OF CTC THAT US DOES NOT BELIEVE SUGGESTED FORMAL COORDINATION SESSION ON INTER-MODAL TRANSPORT CONVENTION NECESSARY FOR APRIL GRCT MEETING. WE EXPECT ANY DISCUSSION THEREIN ON THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION WITH UNCTAD IN STUDIES OF INTERNATIONAL INTER-MODAL TRANSPORT TO BE GENERAL IN NATURE AND DO NOT FEEL THIS TECHNICAL FORUM CAN BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED IN REFTEL. MOREOVER, WE UNDERSTAND THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY CIRCULATED ITS PROPOSALS FOR STUDIES ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT CALLING FOR A MAIN CONCLUSIONS PAPER DRAWN FROM SEVEN TOPICAL PAPERS (ONE A COMPENDIUM OF REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS TO THE UNCTAD QUESTIONNAIRE) BASED ON STUDIES REQUESTED BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN TD/B/AC.15/L.6 AND BY GROUP B IN TD/B/AC.15/L.2 AND HAS EMBARKED UPON THE PREPARATION OF THE STUDIES. WHILE THE OUTLINE EMPHASIZES RELIANCE ON INTERNAL UNCTAD RESOURCES AND THE USE OF CONSULTANTS, IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES. WE WOULD EXPECT,

THEREFORE, THAT MUCH OF THE GRCT DISCUSSION ON THE INTER-MODAL TRANSPORT CONVENTION SHOULD AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE STUDIES ALREADY UNDERWAY AND ANY TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THE ECE IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE THERETO. MOREOVER, WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE TO FOCUS EFFORTS ON POLICY MATTERS IN THE OECD/MTC SPECIAL GROUP ON CONTAINER TRANSPORT AND THE UNCTAD IPG ITSELF.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO MACANGUS TELCON WITH MR. FRANKLIN WILLIS, EMBASSY MAY CONFIRM THAT RATHER THAN HOLD A SPECIAL OTTAWA MEETING, US IS AGREEABLE TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE UPCOMING GRCT MEETING AMONG OUR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES WHICH RESUMES IN GENEVA ON MARCH 11, 1974.

3. EMBASSY MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT USDEL TO 13TH SESSION OF THE GRCT, SEPTEMBER 24-28, 1973 WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH JOINT FOUR-COUNTRY PAPER, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TABLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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